

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On pages 6-7 of the specification, please replace paragraph 25 with the following:

[0025] A further special feature is that a second helical compression spring 48 is located in the inner chamber 31 of the booster piston 32 and exerts a force on the nozzle needle 21 that is oriented in the closing direction indicated by the arrow 49. Thus by means of the second compression spring 48, the nozzle needle 21 is kept closed during the intervals between injection events and when the engine is stopped. In Figs. 1 and 2, the closed ~~opening~~ position of the nozzle needle 21 is shown. **When the booster piston 32 is moved downwardly the nozzle needle 21 is raised to a position which is above that shown in the drawings.** It is in this position that the injection event takes place, in which from the cylindrical pressure chamber 37, fuel passes through the outlet bores 26, 27 to reach the cylindrical combustion chamber (not shown) of the engine.

On pages 7-8 of the specification, please replace paragraph 28 with the following:

[0028] The injector described above functions as follows. During the intervals between the individual injection events, there is no current supplied to the piezoelectric actuator 16. If the piezoelectric actuator 16 is then electrically triggered, it elongates and moves the booster piston 32 downward (in the direction of the arrow 49), counter to the force of the two compression springs 34, 48. In the process, the volume of the control chamber 42 is reduced, and the pressure in the control chamber 42 rises. As a result, an opening force (in the direction of the arrow 35) is exerted on the nozzle needle 21. As soon as the opening force exceeds the closing pressure forces and the force of the compression spring 48, the nozzle opens, because the nozzle needle 21 assumes the (upper) position **which is above its position as** seen in the drawing and thus uncovers the outlet bores 26, 27. Because of the travel boosting by means of the booster piston 32, the nozzle needle 21 can execute a maximal stroke that is markedly longer than the elongation stroke of the electrically triggered piezoelectric actuator 16.